on Dhaka-Chittagong National High way in Bangladesh.

	Contract No 1	Contract No. 3
(I) Length of Roads	28·60 Kms.	34·62 Kms.
(II) Value of Work	US $ 13·60 Million (Rs. 19·05 Crores)	US $ 13·72 Million (Rs. 19·22 Crores)

(c) 30 months ending 24th June, 1991.

(d) 15 per cent progress has been made in each of two Contracts.

Out dated Railway Tracks, Wagons and Coaches

*136. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made recently about the outdated railway tracks and overaged wagons and coaches;

(b) whether it is a fact that old and unrepaired tracks and old wagons are the major factors for railway accidents;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken for replacement and repairs of outdated railway tracks and wagons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

On 1-4-1990, the length of track overdue renewals was about 12,000 kms.

As regards coaches and wagons, the position of overaged stock as on 1-4-1989 is as under:

	B.G.	M.G.
Coaching Stock	2498 nos. overaged, out of total of 22,835 nos.	2677 nos. overaged out of total of 10,683 nos
Wagon Stock (4-wheeler units) . . .	20,120 nos. overaged, out of total of 4,47,637 nos.	7,985 nos. overaged, out of total of 84,701 nos.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Proposal for Running Express Trains between Virudhunagar and Madras

*137. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to run a Metre Gauge Express train from Virudhunagar to Madras *via* Aruppukotai, Manamadurai and Karaikudi in Southern Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.